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TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains 25X1

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REMARKS

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25X1 1. The following troop shipments passed through the Kuestrin-Kietz border station: A train of 38 boxcars and 10 flatcars 25X1

25X1 25X1 from Jueterbog to Insterborg on 13 July 1953 and 16 boxcars, which were attached to the train 25X1 en route to Insterborg, on 14 July.

25X1 2. 25X1 the following troop trains passed through the Rathenow railroad station between 30 July and 18 August:

- B - boxcar
- C/B - converted boxcar
- F - flatcar
- G - gondola car
- RRym- heavy-duty flatcars
- SSy - " " "

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Date	Composition of Trains	From	To
<u>July</u>			
30	8 B, 27 F	Zehdenick	Altengrabow
<u>August</u>			
1	11 B, 17 F	undetermined	Wustermark
5	11 B, 31 F	Mahlwinkel	Vogelsang
5	6 B, 7 F		Rathenow
6	12 B, 33 F	Tangerhuetten	Bernau
6	1 train with 16 trucks with 1 pontoon each, 1 amphibian truck, and 1 Field Kitchen	Jerichow	

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8 18 B, 28 F with 17 trucks and 15 M 31 and M 13 rocket launchers which probably came from the Pionier Kaserne Rathenow Altengrabow

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10 9 B 9 F Dresden

12 11 B, 29 F with 20 trucks 1 jeep, 15 M 31 rocket launchers, and 2 M 13 rocket launchers Rathenow

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18 1 train with 26 trucks, 18 pontoons and 2 motor boats Jerichow

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3. The following troop trains were identified

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Date in August	Composition of Trains	Tons	From	To
10	4 CB, 11 B, 3 F	413	Schwerin	Erfurt
	4 CB, 1 B		Neubukow	Magdeburg
	30 F	745	Aken	Erfurt
11	46 cars	879	Karl-Marx-Stadt	Kroepelin district
	7 CB, 19 B, 18 F	591	Koethen	Cottbus
12	6 B, 21 F	530	Haldensleben	Jueterbog
	14 B, 45 F	1195	Brandenburg Altstadt	Altengrabow
	9 CB, 2 B, 29 F	973	Altengrabow	Rathenow
	17 B, 21 F	879	Karl-Marx-Stadt	Kroepelin
	7 RRym			Erfurt district
	10 CB, 10 F	681	Aken	" Cottbus
	35 B, 15 F	987	Koethen	
	47 cars	884	Karl-Marx-Stadt	Kroepelin
13	12 F, 10 RRym	781	Aken	Eisenach
	14 CB, 37 F	938	Altengrabow	Erfurt
	21 B, 18 F	975	Koethen	Cottbus district

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	2 B, 31 F	682	Aken	Erfurt
	13 B, 15 F	809	Burg	Haldensleben
14	5 B, 27 F	469	Eisenach	Magdeburg
	18 B, 36 F	726	Dessau	Neubukow
	6 B, 16 F	379	Koethen	Cottbus
15	7 CB, 7 B, 34 F	956	Dessau	Neubukow
	13 B, 40 F	1224	Altengradow	Brandenburg Altstadt Wildpark
	3 B, 7 F, 4 SSy	330	"	
	3 B, 7 F, 4 SSy	180	Wildpark	Altengradow
17	8 CB, 9 B, 39 F	1093	Neubukow	Klotzsche
	8 CB, 8 B, 41 F	873	Kroepelin	"

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4. On 14 August, a train of 3 boxcars and 17 flatcars with 16 tanks, 3 radio trucks and troops wearing black epaulets and a train of 3 boxcars and 11 flatcars with 8 tanks, 3 radio trucks and troops wearing black epaulets were observed at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station, en route from Frankfurt/Oder to Lieberose. 9

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[REDACTED] the following shipments were loaded at Justerboog-Altes Lager railroad station:

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Load	Dispatched to
12	3 CB, 5 F, 133 Sy	tanks, AT guns troops	Halle
	3 F	6 armored scout cars	Magdeburg
15	6 CB, 2 B, 22 RRym		Dallgow Doberitz
	15 CB, 4 B, 28 F	20 armored scout cars 8 AT guns 3 motor vehicles	Fuerstenwalde

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	From	To
14	10 B, 21 F	Zehdenick	Jueterbog Altes Lager
	16 B, 22 F	"	"
15	3 B, 22 F	Jueterbog Altes Lager	Dallgow Doeberitz
16	13 B, 46 F	Altengrabow	Brandenburg Altstadt
	3 B, 11 F	"	Wildpark

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7. [ ] the following shipments were loaded between 15 and 20 August:

Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	Loaded in	Dispatched to
15	2 CB, 6 B, 70 F	Jueterbog Altes Lager	
	14 CB, 36 F	Berlin-Schoeneweide	Fuerstenwalde
18	6 CB, 8 B, 25 F	Wuensdorf	
19	1 CB, 12 B	Jueterbog Altes Lager	
20	1 CB, 22 B, 9 F	"	
	3 CB, 1 B, 9 F	Trebbin	

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8. The following numbers of empty cars had to be made available on orders of the Soviet transportation komendatura:

Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	To Be Made Available at
15	31 CB, 6 B, 92 F	Jueterbog Altes Lager
	14 CB, 39 F, 5 RRym	Schoeneweide
17	5 B, 22 F	Jueterbog Altes Lager
18	6 CB, 8 B, 25 F	Wuensdorf
20	19 B, 9 F	Jueterbog Altes Lager
21	38 CB, 19 B, 149 F	"
22	11 B, 23 CB, 96 F	"
	2 CB, 6 B, 20 F	Kummersdorf

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9. [ ] a troop unit with about 30 AA guns and tanks had been detrained at Schoeneweide on 16 August. The unit left by road in the direction of Wuhlheide. On 21 August, a troop unit with tanks and guns,<sup>13</sup> coming from the direction of Wuhlheide, was entrained at Schoeneweide.

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10. [ ]

Date in August	Composition of Trains	From	To
16	3 CB, 8 F, 4 SSy	Wildpark	Altengrabow
19	9 CB, 1 B, 24 F	Brandenburg	"
	13 CB, 4 B, 30 F	Frankfurt	Kroepelin
19	17 B, 43 F	"	Neubukow
20	5 CB, 25 F	Weimar	Berlin district
21	8 B, 17 F	Trebbin	Fuerstenberg
	5 B, 31 F	Lieberose	Schoeneweide

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11. [ ] the following numbers of cars had to be made available:

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Date in August	Number and Type of Cars	To Be Made Available At	For
18	1 CB, 10 B	Werder	Werneuchen
19	1 CB, 2 F and 1 F	Frankfurt/Oder	Kroepelin
	3 CB, 2 B	in Fuerstenwalde Sued	
	10 B	Jueterbog Altes Lager	
	2 CB, 1 B, 2 F	Wildpark	Altengrabow
20	1 CB, 4 B, 9 F	Jueterbog Altes Lager	
	2 CB, 2 B, 2 G	Wildpark	
	13 B	Jueterbog Altes Lager	
	3 B, 1 SSy	Fuerstenwalde	
21	12 CB, 2 B, 45 F	Jueterbog Altes Lager	Kietz
	5 CB, 1 B, 15 F	"	"
	2 CB, 9 B	Fuerstenwalde	

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21	28 B	Bernau	
	2 CB, 2 B, 22 F	Jueterbog Altes Lager Haldensleben	
22	11 CB, 7 B, 43 F	"	Wolmirstadt
	5 CB, 25 F	"	"
	1 CB, 2 F	"	Wildpark
	2 B, 20 F	Wuensdorf	Rathenow
	10 CB, 4 B, 46 F	Jueterbog	Peitz
		Altes Lager	
	10 CB, 3 B, 40 F	"	Velten
	3 CB, 2 B, 11 F	"	Neuruppin

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1. Field Comment. The train [REDACTED] which carried elements of the ground unit of the reconnaissance regiment transferred to the USSR [REDACTED] however, with 2 July as date of departure from Jueterbog and/or 29 June from Finsterwalde. It cannot definitely be determined, whether a third shipment [REDACTED] left the zone toward the east.

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2. Comment. All trains, except for the trains which left Jerichow on 18 August, were previously reported [REDACTED] According to available information, the train [REDACTED] went to Fuerstenwalde. [REDACTED] The train which, on 18 August, left Jerichow, probably carried an engineer unit of the Second Gds Mecz Army which may have returned to Neubrandenburg.

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3. Comment. The following units definitely left the Wustrow firing range:

10 August. A small unit of the 3d Gds AAA Div for Magdeburg; the train [REDACTED] went from Neubukow to Brueckfeld on 9 August, probably carrying other elements of this division. [REDACTED]

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17 August. Presumably units of the 4th Gds AAA Div and/or the 11th Gds Tank Div, for Dresden-Klotzsche.

Units transferred to the Wustrow firing range during the period under review included:

11 and 12 August. Elements of the 6th Gds AAA Div (US) from Karl Marx Stadt, Chemnitz, on three trains.

14 and 15 August. Units of the 62d AAA Div (US) from Dessau, on two trains. The loading in Dessau of this unit was previously reported [REDACTED]

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19 August. Units of the 32d AAA Div (US) from Frankfurt/Oder on 2 or 3 trains.

4. Comment. Aken as dispatching station tends to indicate that, between 10 and 13 August, four shipments of engineer troops of the Eighth Gds Army returned to their units upon completion of exercises on the Elbe River. As the trains went to Erfurt, it can be concluded that the units were stationed in the area of the Erfurt regional railroad district.

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- 25X1 5. [ ] Comment. [ ] between 10 and 13 August. [ ] 25X1  
25X1 three trains from Koethen to Weizow. [ ] The trains  
carried a ground unit of a fighter regiment. 25X1
- 25X1 6. [ ] Comment. The train [ ] which presumably 25X1  
25X1 carried an AAA unit of the 7th Gds Tank Div, was previously reported.  
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- 25X1 7. [ ] Comment. Shipments of units of the 124th Hv How Arty Brig (US), which  
were previously reported. [ ] 25X1
- 25X1 8. [ ] Comment. On 7 August, train [ ] with units of the 304th Arty 25X1  
Brig (US) had been dispatched from Burg to Gardelegen; according to  
unconfirmed information, these elements, on 14 August, returned to Burg  
by road, coming from the direction of Magdeburg. [ ] 25X1  
It is also possible that the train [ ] went 25X1  
from Haldensleben to Burg.
- 25X1 9. [ ] Comment. [ ] the trains [ ] 25X1  
25X1 [ ] were to go from Frankfurt/Oder to Lieberose on 14  
25X1 August. On this date, the loading of tanks was also observed in Frankfurt/  
Oder. It is fairly definitely believed that units of the 7th Gds Mecz Div  
transferred to the training grounds. [ ] 25X1
- 25X1 10. [ ] Comment. The trains which went to Halle and Magdeburg on 12  
August, were reported for the first time. On 15 August, a train with  
[ ] went to Dallgow-Doeberitz and two trains  
[ ] went to Fuerstenwalde. See  
paragraph 6.
- 25X1 11. [ ] Comment. Previous information indicated [ ] train [ ] to 25X1  
have gone from Zehdenick to Jueterbog on 14 August. The train carried 25X1  
elements of the 63d AAA Div (US). [ ] 25X1
- 25X1 12. [ ]
- 25X1 13. [ ] Comment. The trains which arrived at, or came from, Berlin- 25X1  
25X1 Schoeneweide carried units of the 7th Gds Mecz Div, with the train on 15  
25X1 August, mentioned in paragraphs 7 and 8, [ ]  
25X1 The information contained in paragraph 9 cannot be confirmed. [ ]  
[ ] On 21 August,  
25X1 train [ ] was unloaded there. See [ ] paragraph 10 of the 25X1  
present report.
- 25X1 14. [ ] Comment. Elements of the 138th Gds Sig Regt (US) stationed in Camp  
Glau near Trebbin possibly left on 21 August.

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15. Comment. The following units presumably returned to their posts on the trains mentioned: the 32d AAA Div (US), which, on 26 July, went to Jueterbog on trains [redacted] returned to Kietz; unidentified units of the Third and/or Fourth Gds Mecz Army returned to Haldensleben and Wolmirstedt; however, only one train, [redacted] was reported to have carried these units from Wolmirstedt to Jueterbog on 18 July; presumably elements of the 9th Mecz Div which arrived at Jueterbog on 8 August, returned to Peitz; presumably elements of the 31st AAA Div, which, on 28 July, arrived at Jueterbog on trains [redacted] returned to Velten.

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